By ELI D. AKE

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of Queen Victoria was observed, on the 22d, in London. There was the usual memorial service at Frogmore, which was attended by the king and Queen Alexandria, and other members of the royal family.

The officials of Wells, Fargo & Co. in San Francisco, on the 22d, reiterated their previous statement that the express safe stolen from the Sunset limited train near San Luis Obispo, Cal. on the 21st, contained but a small amount of treasure.

About fifty leading citizens of the state of New Hampshire, at a meeting at Concord, on the 20th, agreed to try to raise not less than \$15,000 by popular subscription, in order that the sifte might be represented at the coming exposition at St. Louis.

Gov. Cummins of Iowa had a brief interview, on the 19th, with President Roosevelt. The governor said his chief mission to Washington, D. C., at that time was to confer with officials of the war department regarding the status of the lowa troops at the battle of Shilob

Lincoln's birthday will be celebrated by the Marquette club, of Chicago, by a banquet, on February 12, at the Auditorium hotel. Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, Congressman Henry S. Boutell and Congressman Robert Co., situated in Portsmouth, Va., near ising of lows will be the sneat ers.

Alexander Roland Milne, C. M. G. collector of customs for many years at Victoria, B. C., died there, on the 18th. He was a recognized authority on matters pertaining to sealing, and was decorated with the order of St. Michael and St. George by the late Queen Victoria.

George Hall, defaulting county collector of St. Joseph, Mo., who left said, on the 20th, that the announcethere nine years ago with a deficit of ment of his intended resignation was over \$20,000 in his accounts, on the untrue. 22d, sent word to his bondsmen that ne was now in Monterey, Mex., and would soon return to reimburse them for losses.

The contract for the construction of the extension of the federal building at 21st revoked the license of the Em-Kansas City, Mo., was let, on the 19th pire theater, and ordered radical to John C. Robinson, of Chicago, at \$311,911, work to be completed by December 1, 1905, the granite to match that in the present building in color, quality and texture.

A disastrous tornado swept over Moundville, Ala., a town of 300 inhabitants, 15 miles south of Tuscaloosa, Ala., early on the 22d, and as a result \$7 persons were killed and more than 100 injured. Every business house, with the exception of a small drug store, was destroyed.

Hon. James K. Jones, chairman of the democratic national committee, or democratic national committee, and called a meeting of that committee for February 2 next, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the Southern hotel, St. Louis.

The first lake of oil ever discovered in Colorado was tapped, on the 21st while drilling well No. 312 at Spindl€ Top Heights, three miles south of Florence, Col. The oil body was encountered at a depth of 2,775 feet, and the well, it was believed, would produce more than any six wells in the

Post office inspectors in Chicago, on the 21st, arrested A. F. McIntire, formerly of St. Louis, on a charge of operating a get-rich-quick concern. It was alleged that in St. Louis McIntire was at the head of a brokerage and banking concern which did an illegitimate business. McIntire was taken to St. Louis.

"Guilty as charged, with recommendation to the court for mercy,' was the verdict rendered by the superior court jury, on the 20th, in the ease against Alderman Jacob P. Ellen. of Grand Rapids, Mich., charged with having accepted a bribe of \$350 from ex-City Attorney Lant K. Salsbury, in the Lake Michigan water deal scandal.

Aron County Register. TOPICS OF THE DAY.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE. FIFTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

William A. Knapp, a broker filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in Chicago, on the 23d, with liabilities scheduled at \$82,500 and assets of \$1,250.

Capt. Paniel G. Parr, one of the old ext and wealthiest citizens of Louis ville, Ky., was found dead in bed, or the 19th. He at one time operated s line of boats on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

Representative Spaulding, of North Dakota, introduced a bill in congress on the 21st, appropriating \$100,000 each for monuments to William McKinley and to Alexander Hamilton, in the District of Columbia.

Postmaster-General Payne, on the 19th, announced that there was nothing to bar postmasters or other federal of fice-holders from serving as delegate to political conventions, whether national, state or county.

The estate of Charles Hall, for which more than a dozen widows enteredialms, was distributed by order of court on the 19th, at Los Angeles, Cal. The entire estate, amounting to \$144,000 went to heirs in Boston.

The will of former Gov. Asa S. Bushnell was filed at Springfield, O, on the 20th, for probate. It provided for the distribution of practically all of his estate, valued at \$7,000,000, among his wife and children.

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portation and exportation in or of such misbranded or adulterated articles.

Senate-Senator Platt, of Connecticut, concluded his speech on Panama, on the first. He defended the course of the president throughout the Panama revolt, and eulogized the executive personally as being brave and fearless. During the morning, Mr. Morgan spoke in explanation of his bill for the annexation of Panama, to the United States, basing his argument on the ground that the pending canaitreaty contemplated that result. ... House—The army appropriation bill was under consideration in committee of the whole for five hours, most of which was devoted to a general discussion of the tariff question. Miss Alice Rossevet occupied a seat in the executive gailery for a few moments during the discussion of the army bill. Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, discussed for an hour the "stand-pat policy of the republican party, and talked at length on his pending bill repealing the duty on coal. He read from the testimony before the house committee on investigation of the last congress on the coal question to show that coal was forents less a ton during the year the tariff was repealed.

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was repeated.

Senate—The senate, on the 22d, adopted the resolution of inquiry concerning affairs in Panama introduced on the 5th inst, by Mr. Gorman, and listened to a speech on the Panama question by Mr. Belliver, and another on the subject of recess appointments. The senate the adjourned until the 25th ... House—The house passed 20s bension bills, and also resolutions calling on secretary of war and attorney-general for information as to the number of horses and carringes maintained at government expense for officials of these respective departments. A bill permitting the withdrawal dary free from the St. Louis exposition of articles domated to religious, scientific educational or literary institutions also research 4t 250 p. m. the house adjourned. articles domated to religious, scientific aducational or literary institutions also mased. At 5:30 p. m. the house adjourned.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The plant of the American Fertilizer was destroyed by fire on the 20th. Loss, \$100,000. Two percons were reported to have lost their

Nearly 1,000 men were thrown out of employment in South Chicago, on the 20th, by the closing down of the Iroquois Furnace Co.'s plant. At the office of the company no explanation was

Three linemen, William Bishop Frank Vaughn and Carl Clark, received falls at Iowa City, Ia., on the 21st while repairing lines damaged by sleet and snow, which were reported fatal. Mayor Gaus of Albany, N. Y., on the

Bishop Thomas Underwood Dudley of Louisville, Ky., died in New York city, on the 22d, of heart disease.

destroyed property valued at \$50,000. The main dining room, dormitory and laundry of the state normal college, at Greensboro, N. C., were destroyed by fire, on the 21st. The 350 young women students were forced to flee in their night clothes, some being dragged from bed by their companions; loss \$100,000.

The Spindle Top oil fields, at beaumont, Tex., caught fire, on the 21st, the 18th, announced the personnel of and the flames burned fiercely for a the committee on arrangements for the long time, doing a tremendous amount of damage. The loss was estimated at \$1,000,000. Over forty derricks were

Three Slav coal miners in the Rous mine, ten miles from Walsenburg, Col., were killed, and two others were badly injured, on the 21st, being run down by a string of empty coal cars on an

incline tunnel, 1,000 feet below ground. Fire, on the 21st, while the thermometer was 35 degrees below zero, caused a loss of \$105,000 at Dawson, Alaska The Ladue company, in whose storage plant the fire started, lost \$75,000, and

the Ames company \$30,000. The Union Traction Co.'s new bridge over the Mississine river, at Marion. Ind., was swept away, on the 21st, by hoating ice. Street car traffic between Marion and Gas City, Ind., was sus-

Senator Mark Hanna was confined to his bed in Washington, D. C., on the 2ist, by a severe cold. A physician said that Mr. Hanna must have rest, although the attack was not se-

All cases against Frank Siegel, former president of the defunct Siegel-Sanders Live Stock Commission Co. of Kansas City, Mo., who was charged with embezzlement on seven indictments, were dismissed, on the 22d, by York, on the 25th, on the steamer Tenthe prosecuting attorney

The body of Miss Sarah Schaeter, teacher of Latin in the Bedford (Ind.) high school, was found in a carriage house, on the 22d. She had been assaulted and robbed, and the body was badly mutilated. The appearance of the shed indicated a terrible struggle

went to Bedford from Elkhart, Ind. President Plantz of Lawrence university at Appleton, Wis., on the 22d, said that there would be no more Thanksgiving football for that instiution. The decision was reached because of agitation in religious papers

Prof. Robert Stuart Page, superintendent of the Freeport (III.) public schools, and prominent in educational circles in the west, died at Freeport, on the 22d, from the effects of a para-

Tae Southern Grain and Stock Co., of Los Angeles, Cal., went into voluntary liquidation, or, the 22d, as a result of the erratic action of certain President Harper of Chicago uni-

versity and Gari Melchers, the artist, were decorated, at Paris, France, on the 22d, with the cross of the Legion Hon. Augustus Anderson, of Strat-

ford, Ia., one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens in central Iowa, died, on the 22d, aged 66 years. It was reported, on the 22d, that four people were drowned in the Wabash river, at Merom, Ind., by the

Dr. E-imond Andrews, one of the oldest and most widely known physicions in the west, died, on the 22d at

An urgent deficiency appropriation of \$300,000 was requested of congress on the 12th. by Postmaster-General Payne, to enable the establishment of rural free delivery routes after March 1, when funds would be exhausted.

John Alexander Dowie, with his party from the east, sailed from Sar Francisco, for Australia, on the steamer Sonoma, on the 21st. While in Sar Francisco Dowie delivered two addresses, but was coldly received on both occasions.

The third anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria was observed, on limiting the appropriation for books to the purchase of techincal works pertaining to the work of the war depart ment, was agreed to. The paragraph providing \$321,580 for a submarine cable from Sitka to Fort Liscum, Alaska, went out on a point of order.

United States Senator Joseph Ralph Burton, of Kansas, was indicted, on the 24th, at St. Louis, by the federal grand jury, on a charge that he re ceived \$2,590 from the Rialto Grain and Securities Co., of St. Louis, for services rendered at Washington, D. C., in an attempt to prevent the post office department from issuing a fraud order against that concern.

Mrs. Catherine Bechtel, the aged found murdered, last October, at Allento the murder after the fact. Her trial to St. Joseph several years ago. occupied nine days, and the jury deliberated on hour before rendering the verdict of not guilty.

I. N. Walker, conductor of the Iowa Central wrecking train which collided with a switching train near Peoria, Ill., Jan. 28, killing three men, was arrested, on the 23d, on a coroner's warrant charging him with manslaughter. He was released on \$5,000 bonds, on the 24th.

Maddened by the intense cold, which most killed its keeper, Conrad Castens. and partially wrecked the Milwaukee man and was jalled. freight house.

Two masked men entered the office of the Anheuser-Busch distributing plant at St. Joseph. Mo., on the 23d. and, at the point of revolvers, compelled the manager to give them \$250,

all the funds on hand. Senate-The senate, on the 25th, heard further discussion on the question of appointments to office made during congressional recesses, listened to a speech on the isthmian canal question by Mr. Morgan, and passed a numher of hills of a semi-public character. Among the bills passed was one authorizing the erecting of a monument to the memory of John Paul Jones. The senate, at 5:02, went into executive session, and at 5:08 p. m. adjourned

.... House-The house passed the rmy appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$75,000,000, after adopting a number of amendments. The provision for the consolidation of the adjutant-general's department and the record and pension offices of the war department into one bureau, to be known as the military secretary's office, was stricken from the bill on point of order raised by Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio. At 4:05 p. m. the house ad-

journed. The north and central wings of the tate school for indigent children, at Owatonna, Minn., was gutted by fire on the 25th. All the inmates were taken from the building uninjured. Nineteen babies domiciled in the south wing were safely taken out. The loss

was not stated, but there was insurance on the building of \$50,000. Aldermen A. L. Gray and George Schwartz, City Attorney Fontaine and City Assessor Parmentier, of Green Bay, Wis., were arrested, on the 25th. on warrants based on indictments re-

to bail. In every one of 22 churches in Bellingham, Wash., resolutions were passed, on the 24th, calling upon Senators Ankeny and Foster, of the state of Washington, to cast their ballots in the senate against the seating of Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah.

On recommendation of Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, the president, on the 25th, appointed H. Smith Wooley, a former bishop of the Mormor church, to be assayer of the mint at Boise City, Idaho.

The chief justice of the supreme court of the United states, on the 25th, announced that on February 2 the court would take a recess for three

weeks. David E. Thompson, United States minister to Brazil, arrived at New nyson, from Rio Janeiro.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

A Shocking Double Tragedy. Edward Hardin was found mortally wounded in his yard and his hired man dead in the house by J. M. Boyd and W. L. McCutchens when they visited Hardin's place neat Tipton. Hardin had been shot, apparently at close range, with a shotgun, and had lain helpless and mortally wounded for some time in the yard. He was picked up by Boyd and McCutchens and taken to the house, where it was found that the doors were locked. On breaking into the place a grewsome spectacle was disclosed. Lying on the bed in the sleeping-room was the corpse of the hired man, who had apparently locked himself in the house, after shooting his employer, and committed suicide by sending the contents of the shotgun into his head. The two men occupied the house alone and it is not known what led to the killing.

Spent Too Much Money.

who was arrested at St. Joseph, one \$4,000 in currency, besides many valu- in all were reduced to ashes. able papers. Henderson had \$628.30 when arrested. The arrest was made fields would be ignited, but they are in Lucille Oakland's place, on lower Felix street, where Henderson had been spending money like water. While the officers were there he pulled out a roll of bills, threw \$10 bills at the inmates, and, as a crowning effort, lighted a cigarette with a \$10 bill. Henderson says his home is now in Denver, but that he formerly was in Chicago.

Estate Not Large Enough. It is not believed by the executors that the estate of W. W. Kendall, the

Kansas City shoe manufacturer who died recently, is of sufficient value to satisfy the bequest of his will, which directed that \$250,000 be given to the Methodist Episcoopal church as a memorial fund. A liberal estimate of its tice given wat the bill would be called the total value of the estate, it is said, is \$200,000. By the terms of the will the bequest to heirs amounts to \$250.-000, and the claims of the heirs take of the whole, and resumed considera- precedence of the bequest to the church.

Grain Denlers Confer.

The Grain Dealers' union of southwestern Iowa and northwestern Missouri held its semi-annual meeting at Sedalia. The union, of which D. Hunter, of Hamburg, Ia., is president and G. A. Stibbens, of Chicago, is secretary, was organized in Sedalia last spring, and has rapidly grown in membership. The principal objects of the union are to secure satisfactory termigal rates, equitable inspection, and better freight rates from the railroads.

Insane Man's Rash Act.

James Payne, a patient at the state hospital for insane at St. Joseph, attempted to gouge out his eyes with a needle extracted from a window frame. mother of Mabel Bechtel, who was One eye is believed to be entirely de stroyed and the other is badly injured. town, Pa., was acquitted, on the 23d, Payne is 60 years of age and is a priof the charge of being an accessory vate patient. He went from St. Louis

Katy Train Ditched.

A Missouri, Kansas & Texas train was ditched at Boonville. Engineer William Trogle and Fireman F. A. Spendiff were seriously scalded by escaping steam from the engine, and Conductor Stone was severely bruised. None of the passengers was seriously injured

Held For the Grand Jury. which had been exhibiting at a St. preliminary trial at Boonville and held Paul (Minn.) theater, on the 24th, al- for the grand jury in the sum of \$5,-000. He was unable to secure a bonds-

Instructor in Poultry Raising. Mrs. Ida K. Tilson, of Ripan college has been appointed to conduct the classes in poultry raising at Missouri university. The enrollment in the poultry course this year is unusually large, many faculty members being enrolled as students.

Death of a Veteran. Capt. Benjamin R. Bonner, a civil war veteran and at one time a member of the legislature, died in St. Louis, He was prominent in fra-

ternal circles. Capital Stock Increased.

The Great Northern Fuel Co., of St. Louis, has secured a certificate from the secretary of state to increase its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$1,000,-

Mortorman Killed.

A Suburban trolley car jumped the track in St. Louis, while going at a high rate of speed, and Mctorman Michael Godfrey was killed.

Footpad Sentenced. William McHugh, a footpad, was sentenced to serve four years in the penitentiary by a jury in Judge Mc-Donald's court in St. Louis.

They Will All Be There. France, Germany, Mexico, England, China, Japan and Brazil spend over \$5,000,000 on elaborate ex-

hibits at the World's fair. Disastrous Sleet Storm. The worst sleet storm in years passed over northwest Missouri, Telephone, telegraph and electric light systems were crippled.

Appointed by the Governor. Gov. Dockery has appointed John R. turned by the grand jury charging Ranson to be clerk of Jackson county, them with bribery. All were admitted to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles V. Rinick. Farmer Hanged Himself.

> Ed. Hawkins, a farmer, 56 years old, committed suicide near Harrisonville by hanging. Sickness had unbalanced Justice F. W. Hinman. Justice F. W. Hinman, the oldest

member of the St. Charles county bar, died at the home of his sister in St Charles. Negro Killed in Saloon. George Fields, a negro, was killed by Tony Costello, 23 years old, in a St.

Farmer Drops Dead. James S. Miller, who resided seven miles northwest of Nevada, dropped dead while working in his hog lot.

Louis saloon. Costello wielded a

Four Business Blocks of the Town Reduced to Ashes.

The Flames Swept Through the Frame Buildings Like Kindling Wood-No Fire Department Renders Citizens Powerless.

portion of Sour Lake was wiped out by fire Sunday night. The flames caught among the frame buildings like they were kindling wood and swept The police believe they have in on through the town, which was help James Henderson, alias John Hall, less. There is no fire department, and alias Harding, alias Jones, of Denver, it was only by almost superhuman efforts that the citizens checked the of the robbers who wrecked and robbed flames and prevented the destruction the bank at Goffs, Kas., securing over of the residence section. Four blocks

so far from town that the flames did not communicate.

of \$300,000, only partly covered by insurance, as the companies would not write large risks because of the inflammable environment of the oil districts and the character of the buildings, which were all frame.

The principal business institutions in the fire district were the First national bank, the Sour Lake national cerns in tents, all of which are be lieved to have been burned. The town had about 10,000 inhabitants.

Telegraph wires are down and information from there is meager. A telephone message from Sour Lake at 10:30 verifies former reports. Four blocks of business concerns were burned.

strong patrol of citizens is maintained around goods piled upon the ground to keep away thieves.

The origin of the fire has not been

injuries. The people had to fight the fire almost exclusively with water buckets. Fifteen hundred feet of fire hose had been purchased by the city but no water system or general ap-

BROTHER KILLS HIS SISTER. Shot Her While She Was Asleep,

Dunkirk, N. Y., Jan. 25 .- Miss Han-Frederick H. Schulte, charged with woman through the house, he cut her had frozen its ears and trunk, an ele- wrecking a train, causing the death of throat, and finaly placed her neck The Small Town of Aalesand, Norpoant belonging to an animal show Engineer William Trogel, was given a across a chopping block and completely severed the head from the body. Hall and his sister lived alone, both parents being dead. Until this farmer, and his sister was a great faverite. Hall was religiously inclined. and there was no doubt that he sud-

COLONEL LYNCH LIBERATED.

The Irish Commander Was Tried and Convicted of Treason and

London, Jan. 25.-The Daily Telegraph says this morning it understands that Col. Arthur Lynch, who commanded the Irish brigade against the British forces during the war in South Africa, and who was afterwards convicted of treason and sentenced to imprisonment for life, was Sunday morning liberated "on license." Lynch

having received the royal pardon, he is disqualified from sitting in parlia-

Capt. Streeter Taken to Prison. Chicago, Jan. 25 .- "Captain" George Wellington Streeter was taken to Joliet penitentiary Sunday after a long legal fight. Capt. Streeter was convicted of complicity in the killing of a private watchman named Kirk, who, with others, was guarding property

MRS. BECHTEL ACQUITTED.

Allegtown, Pa., Jan. 25.-Mrs. Catherine Bechtel, the aged mother of Mabel Bechtel, who was found murdered last October, was Saturday acquitted of the charge of being an accessory to the murder after the fact. Her trial occupied nine days, and the jury deliberated one hour before rendering the verdict of not guilty.

Students In a Free Fight. the police, who were compelled to quell the disturbance, made several ar-

Below Zero in Michigan. Houghton, Mich., July 25 .- A blizzard raged here all day Sunday. The mercury was below zero all day. The thermometer register 12 below Sunday

The Senior Senator From Kansas Indicted in Federal Court.

He is Charged, in Nine Counts, With Selling His Official Influence

With the Postal Officials. St. Louis, Jan. 24.-Joseph Ralph Burton, senior United States senator from Kansas, was indicted by the fed-

eral grand jury Saturday morning He is charged with accepting \$2,500 \$500 a month for five months-from the Rialto Grain and Securities Co. while a senator, for his services in interceding with the postmaster-general, the chief postoffice inspector, and other officials high in the post office department to induce them to render a favorable decision on matters affecting the permission of the Rialto company to use the mails.

There are nine counts in the indict-

ment against Senator Burton. Specifically, he is accused of accepting the money from the Rialto company, of which Maj. Hugh C. Dennis is president and which has been classified with "get-rich-quick" concerns, in the form of a check on the Commonwealth Trust Co., November 22, 1902. Hugh C. Dennis and W. B. Mahaney, associated with him in the Rialto company, are named in the indictment as

the men who made the check to Senator Burton. The Rialto Grain and Securities Co. has been under investigation by the state and federel authorities for several months, on account of internal troubles and the complaints of men who "invested" through it that its

business methods were irregular. Senator Burton's name was used as reference by the National Securities Co., with offices in the Equitable building, which were closed after being raided under the personal supervision of Circuit Attorney Folk.

BANK OFFICIALS ARRESTED.

President, Cashier and a Director of the Defunct Indiana National Bank of Elkhart Arrested.

Elkhart, Ind., Jan. 24.-Justus L. Broderick and Wilson L. Collins, president and cashier of the defunct indiana National bank, and Walter Brown a director, were arrested by United States Marshal Pettit subsequent to the action of the federal grand jury.

Broderick and Collins were already under \$5,000 bonds having been arrested some weeks ago on affidavits filed by the bank examiner.

The men have not yet succeed in arranging their bonds. FIFTEEN LIVES LOST.

Wreck of the Four-Masted Schooner Augustus Hunt Of Westhampton, Long Island. New York, Jan. 24.-Fifteen lives were lost in the wreck of the four-

masted schooner Augustus Hunt off Westhampton, Long Island, Saturday. Two others who were on board were saved. Through the dense fog the cries of the doomed crew appealed for dered Sunday at her home in Van help, and the live savers tried repeat-Buren by her brother, Isaac Hall, who edly to reach the wreck, but without gave himself up to the police. Hall, success, the heavy seas flinging back who is 33 years old, declares that he the lifeboat, while the thick fog veiled obeyed the divine behest when he the schooner from sight and prevented killed his sister. He attacked her the use of any lines to reach the wreck.

way, a Busy Seaport, De-

stroyed by Fire. Trondhjem, Norway, Jan. 24 .-- The small town of Aalesund was practically destroyed by fire Saturday, but so from the upper stories, were obliged far as ascertainable there was no loss to dodge heavy beams and fragments of life. Church, schoolhouse, shops of stone and plaster falling in the roand three-quarters of the town have

been burned Aalesund is a busy seaport trading town of Norway, with over 8,000 inhab-

itants. The destruction is complete. entire population is homeless. loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

FORMER ST. LOUISAN DEAD James Clark, a Former St. Louis

Leather Manufacturer, Dead at Plainfield, N. J. St. Louis, Jan. 24.-James Clark, who prior to 1860 resided in this city, and who was prominently identified with

the leather manufacturing business in St. Louis until 1897, died, Friday, of pneumonia, at his home in Plainfield. N. J., at the age of 83 years. Mr. Clark was born in Westfield, N. i., in 1821, and was a descendant of Abram Clark, one of the signers of Declaration of Independence. In his early twenties he came to St. Louis.

and at the time of his death he was the head of the James Clark Leather corporation, which is known throughout the country.

His fortune is estimated at \$10,000,-

000, and consists largely of St. Louis HE HAS HIS CREDENTIALS.

State Senator Albertson, of Pekin. III.. Sergeant-at-Arms of the Republican Convention.

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 24.-State Senator U. J. Albertson, of Pekin, and who is one of the leading republicans of central Illinois, has received his credentials from Senator Mark Hanna as sergeant-at-ars for the republican naional convention at Chicago. He announced his acceptance of the post

William R. Hearst's Grandmother. San Francisco, Jan. 24.-Mrs. Randolph W. Apperson, mother of Mrs. Phocebe Hearst, and grandmother of William R. Heast, died at her home, near San Joose, Friday. She was 87 years old

The Torondo's Victims. Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 24,-The total number of dead in Friday's tornado is 38, six of whom are white. The number of wounded is estimated at 65, 11

ing for the destitute.

MASONIC TEMPLE

A Scene of Wild Excitement In the Big Skyscraper.

WAS PUT OUT WITHIN AN HOUR

Fifteen Persons More or Less Seriously Hurt by the Initial Explosion or by Contact With Falling Debris.

Chicago, Jan. 24.-Fire broke out, Saturday afternoon in the Masonic temple, a 20-story skyscraper, one square east of the Iroquois theater. Owing to the fact that upwards of 2,-000 people occupy the offices and stores in the giant structure, the fire caused much excitement. Summoned by Automatic Alarm.

Firemen were summoned by an alarm automatically sent in from the rooms in which the fire Legan. The firemen quickly made connections with the stationary standpipe in the building. Immediately, tons of water flooded the floors where the smoke and blaze was thickest. Occupants of the building warned by

the suffocating clouds of smoke that rose through the many storied rotunda and penetrated every corridor lost no time in making efforts for safe exit Guards were stationed at each clevator landing on every floor and the panie stricken people were hurried from the building. The origin of the fire was in an

explosion of chemicals in a doctor's office on the fifth floor. The explosion was a sufficient notice of danger to the occupants of the floors immediately above and below, but was unheard by hundreds of other persons in the vast structure who received their warning when suddenly confronted with walls of dense smoke.

Flames followed the explosion and quickly spread to the floors above. Mer and women rushed wildly for the stairs and elevators. So rapidly did the immense skyscraper fill with smoke that the firemen found it almost impossible to work within the walls

Fire Raged on Three Floors. In a short time the fire was raging on three floors containing many chemical establishments and doctors' offices. Further explosions were momentarily feared. As at the Iroquois catastrophe, Fire Marshal Musham was soon personally on hand, and he quickly warned his men of the dan-

From the top floor down the carriers were jammed with passengers and a number of women fainted in the cars. The men for the most part retained their senses. The elevator men stuck to their work like heroes and continued to run their lifts until it was said that every person was out of the building.

Wreck of X-Ray Apparatus. The flames appeared first in the suite of R. Friedlander & Co., manufacturers of X-ray apparatus, on the fifth floor. The explosion which was the cause of the fire occurred in \$10,-000 worth of vacum tubes which were stored in the suite. Smoke poured out of the rooms which occupied the entire southwest corner of the skyscraper facing Randolph street, directly across the street from Marshall Field

& Co.'s huge retail store. Dodging the Debris Armed with axes and picks, the fire men broke doors and windows. In the rotunda, at the bottom of the elevator well, persons leaving the elevators after descending in bairbreadth time tunda from the fifth floor and break-

ing jagged holes in the costly mosaic pavement. Out Within an Hour.

The fire was out within an hour. A number of persons were injured as a result of the fire. R. Friedlander, in whose suite the fire originated, was found unconscious on the floor. He was overcome by smoke and chemical fumes. Twelve girls in his employ made their escape at the first alarm

lander; hands and face burned. John Stack, stock boy for Friedlander; slightly burned. Henry Buehl, stock boy for Friedlander; slightly burned. Walter Davney, laborer; injured by

brokekn glass, and burned about face

Julius Ernest, stock clerk for Fried-

The injured were as follows:

Walter S. Parker, advertising solicit or; face burned. W. C. Preston. John Sullivan. J. B. Sullivan. John Long. T. Leonard. Geo. Mullett. Fred Lynch.

John Stearns. Louis Tremains, B. Smith, 60 years old; thrown down areaway by crowd in street opposite

the fire; taken to hospital unconscious Murder in the Second Degree. St. Louis, Jan. 24.-William Phillips was found guilty of murder in the second degree, and his punishment fixed at ten years in the penitentiary, the minimum penalty, by a jury in Judge McDonald's court. Phillips fatally stabbed Henry Turk.

Golden Wedding Celebratiqu. Sumner, Ill., Jan. 24.-Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Couchman celebrated their golden wedding, Friday. Mr. Couchman is 75 years old, was born in this township and always lived in it. Mrs. Couc"man is 69 years old.

Another Robber Settled. St. Louis, Jan. 24. - Joseph Sylsher, confederate of Walter Tibbetts 12 the

robbery of James Mosier, of Omana Neb., December 9, was convicted and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the penitentiary, Friday evening. A Brief Reunion.

Pana, Ill., Jan. 24.—After a separa tion from his brother 47 years, Andrew M. Richards died at the home of his brother, William Richards, whom fatally. Citizens of Tuscaloosa are carhe was visiting, at Edinburg, Fride, aged 72 years.

SENATOR BURTON INDICTED FIRE IN CHICAGO

with her assailant, Miss Schnefer

tives in the fire.

given for the shut-down. F. I. Whitney, general passenger agent of the Great Northern railway.

changes in the other three theaters of

Fire at Lost Nation, Ia., on the 22d,

burned, also many wells.

pended for some time.

FIRE WIPES OUT SOUR LAKE, TEX.

LOSS AGGREGATING \$300,000

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 25.-The business

For a time it was thought the oil

The losses are in the neighborhood

bank, post office, telephone exchange, Oriental hotel, Spencer Drug Co., White Oil Co.'s building, Southern Pacific station, electric light plant, and a score or more of small business con-

Sour Lake is in darkness, and a

definitely determined. Some attribute it to incendiarism, others say it was from a detective flue, and still others declare a gasoline stove exploded and started the flames. There was no loss of life or serious

paratus for its use had been provided.

Then Cut Her Throat and Finally Beheaded Her. nah Hall, 20 years of age, was murwhen she was asleep, first shooting her. Then, dragging the wounded NORWEGIAN TOWN BURNED. time Hall was considered a model

denly became insane.

Sentenced to Life Term.

nas not received the royal pardon. Col. Lynch will enjoy personal liberty and may even leave the country should he care to do so, but not

ment and from holding any public of-

against squatters in the so-called "District of Lake Michigan."

Verdict of Not Guilty Rendezed in the Trial of Aged Mother at Allentown, Pn.

Chicago, Jan. 24.-Five hundred students of the South Division and Lake View high schoools indulged in a free fight on the streets, Friday night, and